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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Thomas B. Cormack

Executive Secretary

FROM

: J. Kenneth McDonald

Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT

: Review and Release of CIA Documents to Department of

State Historians

1. Dr. Charles Sampson and his team of six historians from the Department of State have asked permission to use the following CIA-originated documents from the Office of the Secretary of Defense in preparing a Vietnam War volume for the official documentary series, Foreign Relations of the United States:

> Document #55, 28 Mar 63, (S) Document #63, 21 Dec 63, (S)

I would be grateful if you would review these documents and decide whether they can be released (at their present classification, unless you wish to sanitize or downgrade them) to the Department of State for Dr. Sampson's use.

- 2. Dr. Sampson's team of official historians and the Department of State have agreed to the attached "CIA Records Access Policy," which requires further CIA review before any of the classified material you may now release to them can be declassified, downgraded, or published.
- I would be grateful if you would return these documents with your determination to the DCI History Staff, Room 316 Ames.

J. Kenneth McDonald

Attachment

This memo is UNCLASSIFIED when separated from attached documents.

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